

GAMU – Research Support Programme

Interdisciplinary Research Projects – INTERDISCIPLINARY

2022 call

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Aim of support

Support is intended for research teams composed of academic and research staff, covering a topic across at least two research domains of the three possible: Physical Sciences and Computer Science, Life Sciences, Social Sciences and Humanities.

Individuals from institutions outside MU can participate in the research but shall not be settled the costs. Research topics must be interdisciplinary, innovative and with high added value and such as are usually not supported from other sources and have not yet been investigated at MU.

The aim is to initiate interdisciplinary cooperation on new topics; to create preliminary results aiming at the verification of the feasibility of ambitious interdisciplinary projects; and to prepare the groundwork for external grant applications (ERC Synergy etc.).

Eligibility criteria

A prerequisite for further evaluation is interdisciplinarity – cooperation of researchers working in at least two research domains of the three possible: Physical Sciences and Computer Science, Life Sciences, Social Sciences and Humanities in accordance with the evaluation system of the European Research Council (ERC). At the same time, it must be demonstrated that it is a balanced partnership, not provision of services.

An important factor is also support for commencement of new cooperation. Projects of investigators whose cooperation was earlier financed from the subprogramme Interdisciplinary Research Projects of GAMU shall be excluded from evaluation during the primary administrative check.

Submitting a proposal

The proposal form in pdf including all annexes must be **entered in the Project Management Information System (PMIS) under one reference number at the latest on the deadline date. The documents**

shall include the project proposal, statutory declaration, budget, and approved cover sheet for all economic units (ECUs) involved. The files entered shall be submitted for evaluation.

Documents (machine readable pdf files):

- The **INTERDISCIPLINARY** form
- Statutory declaration of the principal investigator on the prescribed form*
- Budget – a pdf file generated from PMIS
- Approved cover sheet for all ECUs involved – a pdf file generated from the PMIS

** The statutory declaration shall be part of the approval process at the main ECU in the PMIS – entered as an annex of the proposal for the cover sheet approval (**approval of the cover sheet by the investigator shall be considered a signature**)*

Evaluation criteria and evaluation procedure

The submitted application shall be evaluated against the following criteria:

Criterion	Weighting in %
Originality, innovation and interdisciplinarity of the project	40
Potential for achievement of excellent results	10
Feasibility	10
Sustainability of cooperation for further funding of research after the end of the interdisciplinary project funded by GAMU	30
Quality of hitherto research of the applicants with regard to the submitted project	10

Formal inspection shall be made by the RMU Research Office under the supervision of the Vice-rector for Research and Doctoral Studies.

In the proposal form, the principal applicant shall indicate the focus based on the [standardized keywords](#). Pursuant to these parameters, the respective applications shall be assigned at least 3 evaluators. The selection of evaluators for each application shall be made by the domain guarantors from the [internal database](#).

The RMU RO prepares an interim ranking list on the basis of individual reports of each project proposal, and refers the list to the domain guarantors.

If there are ambiguities (e.g. an extremely high or low evaluation by one evaluator), the guarantors shall ask for additional information from the evaluator concerned.

After potential revisions, the ranking list for Interdisciplinary Research Projects is presented at an **in-person meeting of a board composed of the guarantors and the Vice-rector for Research and Doctoral Studies**.

The board in its meeting shall:

1. Discuss the order of projects in the ranking list with regard to the evaluation obtained within the respective domains and current strategic priorities of MU. Any changes to the order of the projects shall be reasoned by the board in the minutes from the meeting. If necessary, a reduction of the project budget may be proposed.
2. The result is the list of projects recommended for funding, of which the Vice-rector for Research and Doctoral Studies shall inform the Programme Board and MU management.

Decision of the Rector on funding

The Rector of MU decides on awarding the support pursuant to the list of projects recommended for funding in the INTERDISCIPLINARY programme.

The competition results are subsequently published on the GAMU website.

Funding rules

The maximum amount of support **per project is CZK 6,000,000 for 3 years**.

Annual budget: CZK 2 million / calendar year

Duration of funding: 3 years

Funds allocated in the 2022 call: CZK 18 million, 3 projects are expected to be approved.

Eligible costs

- Personnel costs (wages, bonuses, agreements to complete a job (DPP) and agreements to perform work (DPČ) of persons directly involved in the research activities necessary for the research plan investigation)
- Scholarships
- Consumables
- Low-value tangible and intangible assets
- Services
- Local and international travel
- Publication and application costs.

- Additional costs or expenses (projects **may** include the share in common operating costs corresponding to the Joint Operating Costs (JOC) coefficient for the given economic unit in the year concerned in accordance with MU Instruction for determining the proportion of administrative overheads and system of applying overheads to projects, as amended)

Ineligible costs

- Investment
- Costs not eligible for institutional support toward long-term conceptual development (e.g. refreshments)

The drawdown of funds must comply with the rules for the drawdown of funds of institutional support. The amount of approved financial support for a given calendar year shall be allocated to a specific economic unit in the form of an adjusted schedule of institutional support.

Changes to the breakdown of the project budget are allowed after the consultation with the relevant finance office of the ECU and shall be justified in the interim and final reports.

If the transferred amount exceeds 30% of the project budget for the given ECU, the application for change shall be consulted with the RMU Research Office. The final change shall be decided by the Vice-rector for Research and Doctoral Studies ([application form](#)).

The amount that has not been spent in the given year may be transferred to the Special Purpose Fund (SPF) in the **maximum amount of 5%** of the funds awarded for the year concerned. It applies that if the funds in the SPF are not spent in the following year, the beneficiary is obliged to return the funds not used. **The SPF cannot be created in the last year of the project investigation.**

The economic and administrative resources of the projects shall be identical to the economic and administrative resources of the units where the researcher and his/her team work (now or in the future), and these units shall also bear common operating costs of the project. Professional and administrative coordination of the project shall be the responsibility of the project investigator.

Project implementation, interim and final report

The project is implemented in three stages (months 1 to 12; 13 to 24; and 25 to 36).

The [interim report / final report](#) including an approved cover sheet must be entered in the PMIS always within **60 days after the end of the relevant stage**.

The interim report / final report (in Czech and English) contains the description of the results achieved so far and statement on the budget implementation.

The interim report / final report is assessed by the original evaluators of the project proposal. The interim report is approved by the Vice-rector for Research and Doctoral Studies; the final report is approved by the GAMU Programme Board.

The project completion shall include a final public lecture summarising the main results of the project (the final public lecture is part of the GAMU final conference which is held in the last quarter of each calendar year).

Links and documents for download

[GAMU website](#)

[IS Document Server](#)

[PMIS](#)

[Directive](#)

[Application Form](#)

[Statutory Declaration](#)

[Application for Change](#)

[Interim Report](#)

[Final Report](#)

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